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**TO:** ALL GRANTEES

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**SUBJECT:** GUIDANCE FOR INTERMEDIARIES ON E.O. 13559 AND 29 CFR PART 2

This guidance informs faith-based organizations and DOL social service intermediary providers (“intermediaries”) receiving Federal financial assistance of new and revised regulations, 29 CFR Part 2, the Department of Labor has implemented pursuant to Executive Order 13559 (Fundamental Principles and Policymaking Criteria for Partnerships With Faith-Based and Other Neighborhood Organizations).

Intermediaries that accept DOL financial assistance and distribute that assistance to other organizations to provide government-funded social services must ensure that recipient organizations comply with the provisions of Executive Order 13559 and the DOL regulations, including by monitoring their recipients’ or sub-recipients’ actions. Intermediaries are required to accept any complaints or reports from beneficiaries or prospective beneficiaries regarding violations of beneficiary protections, including denials of services or benefits by the recipient organization. Intermediaries also have responsibilities related to the referral requirement: When a sub-recipient organization is unable to make a referral despite reasonable efforts, it may report that failure to either DOL or the intermediary. The intermediary in turn will report the need for referral assistance to DOL, and will either help to make the referral itself or seek further assistance from DOL.

Determinations on how an intermediary will ensure sub-recipient compliance will be made on a program-by-program basis. Please consult the terms and conditions of your grant or contract, and for further guidance contact your DOL program office through the program’s project officer, contracting officer, or other responsible DOL official.